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On March 23, 1967, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, volunteered the following information:

He said that Perry Russo is a known homosexual who used to frequent the 100 block of Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. He said that Russo used to "set up chickens," young homosexuals, to engage in homosexual acts with individuals who are also homosexuals and wanted male acquaintances. He said that approximately five years ago, one such "chicken" engaged in homosexual activities with an individual named Lewey Bowman (phonetic), believed to have worked for the "Times-Picayune" in New Orleans, Louisiana. He said that as a result of this "chicken" engaging in homosexual acts with Bowman, he (Perry Russo) was able to blackmail Bowman for an unknown sum of money. He said he was not aware of other activities on the part of Russo, but was sure that Russo had "set up" many other individuals.

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